

15 September 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 15 September 1980

The Director chaired the meeting.

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The Director reviewed briefly the status of three items of special concern during the past week:

--Stealth Aircraft Technology: Referring to a letter from the SSCI requesting an intelligence briefing on the Stealth aircraft, the Director noted our limitations in this regard because of extremely limited information provided by DoD to CIA, et al. on this system. The Director advised, however, on the danger of impropriety in our reporting on this matter and said Secretary Brown phoned him to say that Peter Hamilton of Dr. Perry's office (RD&E) is available for coordination. The Director further advised that OGC and OLC coordinate re response to the SSCI request being developed by NFAC/OSWR, and that we avoid any potential for compromise of the Secretary of Defense's position in this matter.

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--Billygate: The Director observed that no new pressure appears to be building for additional information from us on this topic. He said Dr. Brzezinski will be testifying on the Hill this week and we may be asked for additional information. Hitz opined, however, that we are not likely to be queried further.

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In response to a query from the Director, Clarke noted  Office of Political Analysis, will include the Nicaraguan situation as part of today's update briefing for the HPSCI.

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The Director highlighted the following items on his calendar for this week:

--Identities Legislation: In response to the Director's query re status, Hitz described the situation pertaining mainly to Congressional mark-up this week and the continuing need for the Director to personally contact certain Congressional members for their support. Hitz suggested and the Director agreed to contact Senator Kennedy to ensure the Senator's full understanding of the depth of the Identities problem.

--Iran: The Director noted to Clarke the need for NFAC analysis and reporting re Khomeini's recent public statement. He said we need to assess the seriousness of Iran's internal situation which prompted Khomeini's statement and what he is (or is not) up to. He advised that he will include this item in his pre-brief today. Relatedly, McMahon noted a State Department report of a statement by former Prime Minister Ghotbzadeh's that the American hostages be released by October as a factor of influence on the U.S. presidential election. Clarke added also that NFAC is giving increased attention to the Iraq/Iran border situation; Lehman noted an Alert Memorandum is in progress.

--Poland: The Director urged that we stay alert for any indicators on how the post-crisis situation will evolve with respect to economic, political, and military concerns. Clarke said some reporting on this appeared [redacted] In response to a query from Clarke, Hitz said the Hill is not pressing for more briefings on the situation in Poland.

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--Turkey: Clarke said NFAC is producing an assessment of the near-term situation in Turkey and that the paper will be completed this week.

--Meeting with Secretary of Defense: The Director said he will discuss again the Defense Reconnaissance Support Program with Secretary Brown this week, and that he will call on D/NRO Hermann to express his reservations and concerns re Hermann's proposal to establish a Reconnaissance Task Force as part of the Defense Science Board. Relatedly, the Director advised [redacted] and Taylor that we should probably undertake an assessment of the Steinger Panel; he asked that they consider the matter and advise him. (Action: RMS)

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--The Director noted our observance on Thursday (18 September) of the Agency's 33rd birthday and the award ceremony in the auditorium. He asked for inputs on items which he should include or stress in his address on that occasion. [redacted]

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McMahon said that he has accepted an offer by Admiral Tuttle, JCS, of a briefing by General Vesser or RADM Thomas Watson of the J-3 office on a plan for indigenous insurgency in Iran. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] said that O/PPP&M is kicking off another Financial Planning Seminar today. In response to the Director's query, [REDACTED] said this program does include items of key importance to individuals interested in long-term planning. [REDACTED]

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Hetu said the current issue of Progressive magazine makes brief mention that the U.S. plans to provide highly complex intelligence equipment to China. It is not known whether this magazine intends to follow up with a more detailed feature on this very sensitive matter. [REDACTED]

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Silver provided an update on the following:

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--Silver described an oral argument before Judge Gesell last Friday re the Agee case. He said press reporting of this account is accurate (13 September Washington Post article attached). [REDACTED]

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Briggs reported that five new inspectors have joined his office replacing those who recently retired. [REDACTED]

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Attachment

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## Judge Makes Offer in Agee Lawsuit

AP Wire Service  
A judge proposed yesterday that former CIA agent Philip Agee submit all future writings on U.S. intelligence operations for screening by the Central Intelligence Agency. In return, he said, the government would drop a lawsuit to confiscate profits from two of Agee's books on CIA operations.

U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell also suggested that Agee withdraw his demand for information that the CIA has gathered about his activities since he left the agency 14 years ago.

Gesell made the proposal during a hearing on Agee's suit and the government's countersuit to collect profits from the sale of Agee's books, "Dirty Work: The CIA in Western Europe" and "Dirty Work II: The CIA in Africa."

There was no indication whether Agee, who lives in West Germany, or the government would agree to Gesell's proposal.

The government alleges that Agee repeatedly breached a secrecy agreement he signed with the agency.